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BELGRADE FOR WORTZEL FROM SCHMIDT, BUCHAREST FOR ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THE SECRETARY HAS AGREED TO MEET BELOVSKI ON THURSDAY, FEB 23, AT 3 P.M. BELOVSKI SAID HE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT EUROCOMMUNISM AND THE MIDDLE EAST. ANYTHING YOU CAN GIVE US ON YUGOSLAV ATTITUDES ON THE FORMER WOULD BE HELPFUL. WE PROBABLY HAVE ENOUGH ON THE LATTER.

2. YOUR 1196 OVERVIEW CABLE WAS REALLY EXCELLENT AND WE PLAN TO USE IT ALMOST VERBATIM AS THE SCOPE PORTION OF THE MEMO TO THE PRESIDENT.

3. PAUL COSTOLANSKI OF INR PLANS TO COME TO BELGRADE FOLLOWING THE NATO MEETING MARCH 7-10. HE IS WRITING TO YOU ABOUT HIS PLANS.

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4. YOU WILL BE GETTING ANSWERS ON FOUR MILITARY ISSUES SOON: MUNITIONS CONTROL, WHERE THE STORY SEEMS NOT TO BE QUITE WHAT THE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES SAY; ARMS TRANSFERS, WHERE RECENT YUGOSLAV ACCEPTANCES ARE ENCOURAGING; THE ADAMS VISIT, WHERE DOD DOES NOT HAVE ANY INFO ON POSSIBLE PORT CLOSINGS AND BELIEVES WE SHOULD IN ANY CASE GO AHEAD WITH A

FORMAL REQUEST; AND FINALLY ON ;OPS IN THE ADRIATIC,

WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY THE MOST DIFFICULT AND SENSITIVE. WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT NAVY WILL AGREE TO NO AIR OPS OR TO DELAYING THE VISIT, BUT ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN CONVINCE THEM TO ACCEPT FLIGHT OPS ONLY ON THE OUTBOUND LEG. IT MIGHT BE PRUDENT AT LEAST TO HINT OF THIS POSSIBILITY TO STARCEVIC TO SEE HIS REACTION.

5. MIRKOVIC IS OUT OF TOWN THIS WEEKEND. HE HAS SOME INTERVIEWS, BUT NO WORD YET ON THE PRESIDENT OR BRZEZINSKI. HARRIMAN WAS SICK LAST WEEK BUT WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON MONDAY.

6. JOE CANZERI OF ROCKEFELLER'S STAFF RETURNS THE AMBASSADOR'S GREETINGS AND ASKS IF HE WILL HAVE A DAY OR TWO AFTER THE VISIT TO STAY WITH HIM. HE ALSO ASKED THAT WE INFORM YOU ABOUT THE PLANNED VISIT TO BELGRADE IN MAY OF NED STECKEL, CHIEF PRODUCER FOR ABC SPORTS, WHO IS COMING TO COVER THE WORLD AMATUER BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS. STECKEL IS CANZERI'S NEIGHBOR.

7. SEDMAK'S DAUGHTER CALLED A FEW DAYS AGO AND ASKED IF WE COULD MAKE AN APPEAL ON HIS BEHALF IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT. WE MADE NO PROMISES, OF COURSE, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS WILL APPEAL THROUGH THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONGRESS OR AT HIGHER LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING ON THIS, BUT MERELY WISHED TO ALERT YOU.

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